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Offered by:

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 6226

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JUVENILE  
TRAINING SCHOOL."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2003*) The Department of  
4 Children and Families shall ensure that the Connecticut Juvenile  
5 Training School:

6 (1) Completes health, mental health and educational assessments for  
7 each child admitted to the school not later than thirty days from the  
8 date of such child's admission;

9 (2) Completes a written individualized treatment plan for each child  
10 admitted to the school not later than thirty days from the date of such  
11 child's admission;

12 (3) Complies with the provisions of sections 46a-150 to 46a-154,  
13 inclusive, of the general statutes regarding the use of physical

14 restraints, medication and seclusion of children at the school;

15 (4) Provides training to all staff at the school regarding their  
16 mandatory child abuse and neglect reporting obligations under section  
17 17a-101 of the general statutes;

18 (5) Provides the opportunity for each child at the school to engage in  
19 at least two hours of physical exercise every day.

20 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) The advisory group for the  
21 Connecticut Juvenile Training School, established pursuant to  
22 subsection (b) of section 17a-6 of the general statutes, and the  
23 Connecticut Juvenile Training School public safety committee  
24 established pursuant to section 17a-27f of the general statutes, shall  
25 provide an on-going review of the Connecticut Juvenile Training  
26 School with recommendations for improvement or enhancement. The  
27 review shall include, but not be limited to:

28 (1) The general nature and characteristics of the residents placed at  
29 the training school, including the court locations that sentenced them,  
30 the number sentenced from each court location and the offense for  
31 which the child was sentenced;

32 (2) The percentage of children in need of substance abuse treatment  
33 and the programming interventions provided to assist residents;

34 (3) A review of the program and policies of the facility;

35 (4) The educational/literacy programs available to the residents,  
36 including the educational level of residents, the number of residents  
37 requiring special education and related services, including attendance  
38 requirements and records;

39 (5) The vocational training programs available to the residents and  
40 the actual number of residents enrolled in each training program,  
41 including attendance requirements and records;

42 (6) The number of children discharged to residential placement,

43 discharged to the community due to expiration of the period of  
44 commitment and delinquency recidivism rates, including the number  
45 of children returned to the Connecticut Juvenile Training School;

46 (7) The number of residents not in school or vocational training and  
47 why and how those children's needs are being met;

48 (8) The diagnosis of each child after intake assessment;

49 (9) The costs associated with the operation of the training school,  
50 including staffing costs and average cost per resident; and

51 (10) Reintegration strategies, plans to transition the children to their  
52 home communities, and a follow-up plan to be implemented six  
53 months after their return.

54 (b) The Department of Children and Families shall serve as  
55 administrative staff of the advisory group referred to in subsection (a)  
56 of this section.

57 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than February 4,  
58 2004, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Children and  
59 Families shall report, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
60 4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the  
61 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the  
62 judiciary and human services and to the select committee of the  
63 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to children  
64 with respect to the Connecticut Juvenile Training School.

65 (b) Each report required pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
66 shall summarize the information and recommendations specified in  
67 section 2 of this act and shall also include such other information that  
68 the Department of Children and Families has identified that requires  
69 immediate legislative action."

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| This act shall take effect as follows: |              |
| Section 1                              | July 1, 2003 |

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| Sec. 2 | <i>from passage</i> |
| Sec. 3 | <i>from passage</i> |